

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Tomofumi YAMANASHI, et al. Art Unit: 2626

Appln. No.: 10/590,417 Examiner: Q. Han

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For: COMMUNICATION DEVICE, SIGNAL ENCODING/DECODING  
METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the art listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Attached is a Japanese Office Action dated September 1, 2009, which issued in a corresponding Japanese patent application.

The cited art is listed in the attached PTO-1449 for an indication of consideration by the examiner. Copies of any references listed on the PTO-1449, besides U.S. patent documents are submitted herewith. Cited references JP 2003-218781 and JP 2000-244384 are not provided since they were previously filed in the Information Disclosure Statement of August 23, 2006.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention; see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this

application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

If any additional fee is due please charge it to Deposit Account 04-1061.

Respectfully submitted,

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